IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

September 22, 2006

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed August 24, 2006 for which the shortened – statutory period for response is set to expire on November 24, 2006. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: